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Friday, 27 September 2002

Security Council

3 p.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2002/1005)

Other matters

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999)

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Military Staff Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1493rd (closed) meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Announcement

The public meeting of the Security Council, initially scheduled for Monday, 30 September 2002, in connection with the agenda item "Small arms", will be held during the month of October, in order to allow Member States more time to prepare for the consideration of the report (S/2002/1053).

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General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

10 a.m. . . . . 20th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Admission of new Members to the United Nations: draft resolution (A/57/L.3) . . [20]
2. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/57/429) . . . . . [117]
3. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council . . . . . [15 (a)]

Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

1. Election of the Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteur
2. Organization of work (A/C.1/57/1 and A/C.1/57/CRP.1)

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 3rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives (A/57/99, A/57/99/Corr.1, A/57/99/Add.1 and A/57/99/Add.2) . . . . . [153]

Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly (A/55/226) . . . . . [163]

Observer status for Partners in Population and Development in the General Assembly (A/55/241, A/C.6/57/L.2) . . . . . [164]

Observer status for the Asian Development Bank in the General Assembly (A/57/141) [165]

Observer status for the International Centre for Migration Policy Development in the General Assembly (A/57/142) . . . . . [166]

Observer status for the Inter-Parliamentary Union in the General Assembly in the context of agenda item 22 (h) entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union" (A/56/614, A/55/996)

Working Group on an International Convention against the Reproductive Cloning of Human Beings

3–6 p.m. . . . . 7th meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 1

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Outsourcing practices
2. Proposed measures to improve the profitability of the commercial activities of the United Nations
3. Draft reports
4. Executive session on the World Food Programme

Economic and Social Council

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Second regular session for 2002

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 38th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

3–6 p.m. . . . . 39th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

1. UNDP/UNFPA: Field visit (DP/2002/CRP.7) . . . . . [8]
2. Pending decisions
3. Organizational matters (DP/2002/24, DP/2002/CRP.14) . . . . . [1]

[There will be a meeting of the donors group *today* at 9 a.m. in Conference Room D.

There will be a briefing on the financial situation of the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) *today* from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

There will be an informal briefing on the World Summit on Social Development *today* from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2.]

Other meetings

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Friday, 27 September 2002

Group of Eastern European States

9.15 a.m.–10.15 a.m. . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Islamic Group *(on Sixth Committee matters)*
(at the expert level)

9.15 a.m.–10 a.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Southern African Development Community *(Third Committee experts)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)*

11.15 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Consultative Meeting of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN)
(on disarmament matters)

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

[1] Following the adjournment of the 1st meeting of the First Committee.

African Group: Experts Group on Economic Matters

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Asian Group of the Whole

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Rio Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

UNCTAD Briefing on Economic Development in Africa

11.30–12.45 p.m. . . . . Conference Room C

Briefing on "Economic Development in African: From Adjustment to Poverty Reduction: What is New?", organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) [A presentation will be made by Mr. Kamran Kousari, Special Coordinator for Africa, UNCTAD. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. Copies of the report will be available at the meeting.]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Friday, 27 September 2002

Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmao, President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Committees

First Committee

The First Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and related international security agenda items from Monday, 30 September, to Friday, 11 October 2002. Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala, Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, will make a statement. The list of speakers for the general debate is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to kindly contact the secretariat of the First Committee (Mr. Eduard Fesko; tel. 1 (212) 963-7169; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Delegations are reminded that names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Mohammad K. Sattar, Secretary of the First Committee (room S-2977H; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin its substantive work on Monday, 30 September 2002, at 3 p.m. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items, which will begin on Monday, 30 September (see document A/C.4/57/L.1), are kindly requested to notify Ms. Catherina Dakay (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-9223).

Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are to be submitted to Ms. Lesley M. Wilkinson, Secretary of the Committee (room S-2977K; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Second Committee

The Second Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 30 September 2002, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The Under-Secretary-General, Mr. Nitin Desai, Department for Economic and Social Affairs will make a statement. The list of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee, is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (212) 963-2183; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Briefing

There will be a keynote address by Professor Joseph Stiglitz, Nobel Laureate, Economics and Finance, Columbia University, on "Sustainable Development: Lessons Learned from the Past Year" on Wednesday, 2 October 2002, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Marco Antonio Suazo (Honduras), Chairman of the Second Committee. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Third Committee

The Third Committee will begin consideration of the items entitled "Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice" and "International Drug Control" on Monday, 30 September 2002, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the Acting Secretary of the Committee (Mr. Alexandre De Barros or Mrs. Lydia Bawar, (tel. 1 (212) 963-2320 and 963-5973; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations are also requested to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to Mr. Alexandre De Barros, Acting Secretary of the Committee (room S-2950G; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 3rd meeting on Monday, 30 September 2002, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, followed by informal consultations (closed) in the morning and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Sixth Committee

The Sixth Committee will hold its 4th and 5th meetings on Monday, 30 September 2002, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session 2002

The Economic and Social Council will hold its 42nd meeting (Commemorating the signing of the General Peace Agreement for Mozambique; and Ad Hoc Advisory Group on African Countries Emerging from Conflicts: Guinea-Bissau) on Friday, 4 October 2002, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The Council will hold the next meeting of its resumed substantive session (to take up all outstanding matters) on Friday, 25 October 2002.

United Nations Information and Communication Technology Task Force

The third meeting (closed) of the United Nations Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Task Force will be held on Monday, 30 September, and Tuesday, 1 October 2002, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will put special emphasis on development in Africa. Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, will make an opening statement, on Monday, 30 September, 9.30 a.m. The President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Ivan Šimonović (Croatia), and the Chairman of the Task Force, Mr. José-María Figueres-Olsen (Costa Rica), will make introductory remarks.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Briefing following the annual meeting of the IMF and the World Bank

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing by Mr. Eduardo Doryan, Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations, and Mr. Reinhard Munzberg, Special Representative of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to the United Nations, on the results of the meetings of the International Monetary, the Financial Committee and the Development Committee, which will be held in Washington on Saturday, 28 September 2002. The communiqués of the two Committees will be available at the briefing. After an introductory presentation, Mr. Doryan and Mr. Munzberg will be available to respond to questions. This briefing, to be conducted in English, will be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on Tuesday, 1 October 2002, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is *today*, 27 September. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

Round tables organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs

A round table on the theme "Disarmament in Conflict Prevention" will take place on Tuesday, 1 October 2002, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Ms. María Angélica Arce de Jeannet, Minister, Permanent Mission of Mexico; Dr. Herbert Wulf, Bonn International Centre for Conversion (BICC); H.E. Mr. Sylvester Ekundayo Rowe, Deputy Permanent Representative (Political Affairs), Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone; and Dr. Patricia Lewis, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), will be among the participants.

There will be a round table on the theme "Impact of 11 September 2001 on the Disarmament Agenda in the Twenty-first Century" on Thursday, 3 October 2002, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Mr. Christer Ahlstrom, Deputy Director of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI); Mr. Ramesh Thakur, Vice-Rector of the United Nations University (UNU); and Ms. Rebecca Johnson, Executive Director of the Acronym Institute, will be among the participants.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Gary De Rosa, Department for Disarmament Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-3980; fax 1 (212) 963-1121; email DeRosa@un.org).

UNITAR Workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing an English-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 2 October 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 3 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.; Friday, 4 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is *today*, 27 September. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Briefings by the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on human rights items before the Third Committee

Briefings on human rights items before the Third Committee, organized by the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, will take place on Wednesday, 2 October 2002, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1, for members of permanent missions and the media; and on Thursday, 3 October 2002, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7, for representatives of non-governmental organizations.

Briefing on the World Summit on the Society of Information and the Civil Society

There will be a briefing on the World Summit on the Society of Information and the Civil Society, sponsored by the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Thursday, 3 October 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B. Presentations will be made by Mr. Alain Clerc, Director of the Civil Society Division of the Executive Secretariat for the Preparation of the Summit, and Ms. Louise Lassonde, Coordinator of the Civil Society Division of the Executive Secretariat for the Preparation of the Summit. All persons managing the relations with non-governmental organizations and the civil society, as well as those responsible for communication within the United Nations agencies, are invited to attend.

International Labour Organization (ILO) briefing on "Employment-Poverty Linkages: Issues and Experiences"

There will be a briefing, organized by the International Labour Organization (ILO) on "Employment-Poverty Linkages: Issues and Experiences" to be held on Thursday 3 October 2002, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 9. A presentation will be made by Mr. Riswanul Islam, Recovery and Reconstruction Department, ILO. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Caroline Lewis, New York ILO Liaison Office (tel. 1 (212) 697-0150, ext. 102).

UNITAR Workshop Series entitled "Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology"

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) has organized the new Series entitled "Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology", under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics. This programme is being implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation, Inc. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, which is currently being repeated four times a year. The first four modules of each cycle focus on (a) Introduction to Computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet Search Basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page Design Basics and Usability Techniques; and is geared towards all diplomats. The fifth module, which is conducted as an interactive seminar, covers "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology" and is aimed essentially at ambassadors and senior diplomats and open to members of the United Nations staff as well as non-governmental organizations.

The fourth and last cycle of the 2002 Series, to be conducted in English, will be held on every alternate Friday *from 4 October to 15 November 2002.* For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Tuesday, 3 September 2002, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-seventh session

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A.)

Summary of meetings

Thursday, 26 September 2002

Security Council

4616th meeting

Consideration of the draft report of the Security Council to the General Assembly

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard an explanatory statement by the Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of Singapore, France, Norway, the United Kingdom, China, Ireland, Mexico, Guinea, the Syrian Arab Republic, Mauritius, the United States, Cameroon, Colombia and the Russian Federation, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as representative of Bulgaria.

The Council adopted its report to the General Assembly without a vote.

The President stated that the decision of the Council would be reflected in a note by the President of the Council, to be issued as document S/2002/1068.

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

1st meeting

Election of the Vice-Chairpersons and the Rapporteur

In accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Her Excellency Mrs. Margaret Hughes Ferrari (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines), Ms. Debra Price (Canada) and Mr. Mansoud Ayyad Sh. A. Al-Otaibi (Kuwait) as Vice-Chairpersons and Mr. Andrej Droba (Slovakia) as Rapporteur of the Committee.

Organization of work

The Committee had before it a letter from the President of the General Assembly concerning the agenda items allocated to it (A/C.4/57/1) and a note by the Chairman (A/C.4/57/L.1) containing suggestions on the organization of work.

The Chairman also drew members' attention to document A/C.4/57/INF/1, which contained the list of documents before the Fourth Committee issued to date.

The Committee approved its programme of work contained in document A/C.4/57/L.1.

The Committee also decided to establish an open-ended Working Group, chaired this year by the delegation of Chile, to prepare the draft resolution on agenda item 75 (International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space).

The Committee decided, without objection and in accordance with established practice, to consider the chapters in documents A/57/23 (Parts II and III) relating to "Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration"

in conjunction with agenda item 81 (Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories).

The Committee's attention was drawn to the relevant General Assembly rules and recommendations affecting the work of the Main Committees, as well as those contained in Assembly decision 34/401.

At the suggestion of its Chairman, (see note A/C.4/57/L.1), the Committee decided to hold a general debate on decolonization agenda items 19, 80, 81, 82 and 12 and 83 and to close the list of speakers on those items on Monday, 30 September, at 6 p.m.

Delegations were also informed that Wednesday, 2 October, at 6 p.m. would be the deadline for submission of draft resolutions or proposals on decolonization items.

The Committee also decided that any request from the representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories to appear before the Committee should be submitted by the chief elected representative of the people of the Non-Self-Governing Territory.

Third Committee

1st meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting.

Election of the Bureau

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Ms. Loreto Leyton (Chile), Mr. Toru Morikawa (Japan) and Mrs. Ilham Ibrahim Mohamed Ahmed (Sudan) as Vice-Chairmen and Mrs. Oksana Boiko (Ukraine) as Rapporteur.

Organization of work

The Chairman made an opening statement and then drew the Committee's attention to the relevant recommendations contained in document A/57/250, as well as the proposed organization of work of the Committee (A/C.3/57/L.1) and the status of documentation (document A/C.3/57/L.1/Add.1).

The meeting was suspended in order to allow the Committee to consider its programme of work.

Following resumption of the meeting, the Committee approved its programme of work for the session, as contained in document A/C.3/57/L.1, as orally revised.

The Chairman informed the Committee that agenda item 43, had been added to the agendas of both the Third and Second Committees.

The Secretary made a statement.

The Committee agreed to set the following time limits for statements in the general discussion: 7 minutes for statements by individual delegations and 15 minutes for spokesmen of groups of delegations. It was also agreed that time limits would apply also to the Secretariat.

The Committee's attention was drawn to the provisions of General Assembly decision 34/401 regarding interventions in exercise of the right of reply and points of order.

The Committee decided to extend invitations to a number of Special Rapporteurs and Representatives to present their reports to the Committee at the present session.

Statements were made by the representatives of China and Cuba.

The Chairman responded to questions raised.

Sixth Committee

2nd meeting

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and their representatives . . . . . [153]

The Committee started the consideration of agenda item 153.

Statements were made by Cuba, Denmark (on behalf of the European Union), Burkina Faso, Morocco, Turkey, Norway (on behalf of the Nordic countries), and South Africa.

The Chairman also made a statement.

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

11th meeting

Adoption of the agenda

The Committee approved its agenda, without objection.

Question of Tokelau

The Chairman drew attention to the Draft report of the United Nations Mission to Tokelau, 2002 (A/AC.109/2002/CRP.2).

The Chairman, in his capacity as Chairman of the Mission, introduced the report of the Mission.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, Côte d'Ivoire, Fiji, the United Republic of Tanzania, Bolivia and the Congo.

The Chairman of the Mission replied to questions posed to him by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda, Côte d'Ivoire, the United Republic of Tanzania and the Congo.

The representative of New Zealand, the administrating Power concerned, made a statement.

The Committee decided to authorize the Rapporteur to submit the above-mentioned report to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly for its consideration as well as to introduce before the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) amendments to the resolution on the question of Tokelau based on the conclusions and recommendations.

Other matters

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee concluded its 2002 substantive session.

Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly for the Final Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s
Substantive session

5th meeting

General debate

The representatives of Benin, Cuba, Grenada, Mexico, Mozambique, the Philippines, Senegal, the United Republic of Tanzania, Tunisia and Uganda made statements.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), the Economic Commission for Africa and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

The Ad Hoc Committee will hold its resumed substantive session from 7 to 11 October 2002.

Convention on the Rights of the Child

Committee on the Rights of the Child
Thirty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Wednesday, 25 September 2002

819th meeting (closed) *Consideration of reports of States parties* . . . . . [4]

The Committee considered concluding observations in closed session.

820th meeting (closed) *Consideration of reports of States parties* . . . . . [4]

General comments . . . . . [7]

The Committee continued its consideration of concluding observations and general comments in closed session.

Thursday, 26 September 2002

821st–822nd meetings *Consideration of reports of States parties* . . . . . [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the second periodic report of Ukraine (CRC/C/70/Add.11). In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions and observations made by members of the Committee.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Ratification: Australia (26 September 2002)[1]

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Malaysia (26 September 2002)

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Lebanon (26 September 2002)

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001

Signature: Lebanon (26 September 2002)

Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court. New York, 9 September 2002

Signature: Ecuador (26 September 2002)

General information

World Habitat Day

In observance of World Habitat Day, an event entitled "City-to-City Cooperation", organized by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and Sister Cities International, will take place on Monday, 7 October 2002, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of the United Nations specialized agencies and of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of September 2002 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Côte d'Ivoire
H.E. Mr. Djessan Philippe Djangone-Bi

Asian States:
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
H.E. Mr. M. Javad Zarif

Eastern European States:
Ukraine
H.E. Mr. Valery P. Kuchinsky

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Suriname
H.E. Mrs. Irma E. Loemban Tobing-Klein

Western European and other States:

Portugal
H.E. Mr. Gonçalo de Santa Clara Gomes

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:
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